

REMARKS

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Claims 22-45 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Original claims 1-21 have been canceled and claims 22-45 added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

Support for new claim 22 can be found in originally pending now canceled claim 4. Support for new claims 23-27 can be found in originally pending now canceled claims 5-9. Support for new claims 28-31 can be found in originally pending now canceled claim 10. Support for new claims 32-35 can be found in originally pending now canceled claim 11.

Support for new claim 36 can be found in originally pending now canceled claim 12 and also includes the limitations contained within originally pending now canceled claim 1. Support for new claims 37-45 can be found in originally pending now canceled claims 13-21.

No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number SHIM-011DIV.

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